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BOROUGH OF TAMWORTH



COUNCIL

25th March 2025

Tuesday, 25th March, 2025, 6.10 pm in Town Hall, Market Street, Tamworth

SUPPLEMENT – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

Further to the Agenda and Papers for the above meeting, previously circulated, please find attached the following further information, which was not available when the agenda was issued:

Agenda No. Item

5. **Question Time:** (Pages 3 - 6)
- (i) To answer questions from members of the public pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 10.
 - (ii) To answer questions from members of the Council pursuant to Procedure Rule No. 11

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. V.'.

Chief Executive

To Councillors: G Coates, C Bain, C Adams, N Arkney, M Bailey, B Clarke, L Clarke, M Clarke, R Claymore, T Clements, M Couchman, S Daniels, C Dean, S Doyle, D Foster, H Hadley, T Jay, R Kingstone, K Norchi, J Oates, P Pallett, B Price, L Smith, S Smith, N Statham, M Summers, P Turner, J Wadrup, L Wood and A Wells.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Roger Lloyd, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Sustainability, Environment and Waste, Councillor D Foster, the following question:-

I live on the Anker Valley estate. The public open space on the estate is not adopted by the council and suffers from a number of problems resulting from this such as expensive management fees, poor service from the managing agent and poor build quality. Would the council agree that the private estate model is not working for Tamworth's residents and that the root cause of these problems is the lack of adoption by the council which has left these particular Tamworth council taxpayers at the mercy of greedy developers and agents? As such, would the council therefore consider adopting this estate, similar estates and future estates particularly given that the council is proposing to adopt Amington Green? Different treatment of taxpayers who pay full council tax but who are not receiving services ordinarily provided such as grass cutting or public waste bin emptying would be unfair.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Roger Lloyd, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Housing Homelessness and Planning, Councillor B Clarke, the following question:-

I live on the North side of Tamworth and have noted the Labour governments proposals to build 1.5m houses in 5 years and increase housing allocations each year. There are a number of new build developments being built and proposed on the North side of Tamworth as well as other areas (some of which fall under Lichfield or North Warwickshire council). What does the council propose to do in relation to relevant infrastructure delivery such as new roads, doctors and schools to ensure that existing residents quality of life is not diminished due to gridlock and difficulties getting doctors appointments?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 3 & 4

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Lee Bates, will ask the Leader of the Council, councillor C Dean the following question:-

Cllr Dean, as a proud Tamworthian, I was thrilled to attend the unveiling of the new displays at Tamworth Castle—especially given the deep connection to the Glascote Torc's journey. Unearthed in 1943 by Mr Bates and Mr Croshaw and hidden away in my Grandad and Nan's wardrobe for 27 years until 1970, when Grace Bates read an article revealing its true value, this remarkable artifact has finally found its rightful place in Tamworth after 55 years of passionate campaigning, by many different people and groups including myself.

Could you please explain how the council is paying tribute to Sarah and the entire Tamworth Castle team for achieving this fantastic milestone in Tamworth's History with what was once thought an impossible dream?

Additionally, how can we as members of the public support and capitalise on this significant milestone and the broader Tamworth heritage story?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 5

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ron Brown, will ask the Portfolio Holder for People Services, Leisure and Engagement, Councillor L Smith the following question:-

What steps are our Council taking to catch up with its Electorate in respect of the huge, networked conversations which the Electorate engage in - mostly to the exclusion of our Council - using their mobile phones and computers; very often via social Media?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 6

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Ron Brown, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean the following question:-

What is our Council's policy with respect to providing free Public Access to every single byte of (non-personal/private/secret) information it holds on behalf of its Electorate, so that it may be processed by AI engines to assist the Electorate in understand the Reality of actual Council Performance, with respect to Time?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 7

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mark Hopkins, will ask the Portfolio Holder, Councillor L Smith the following question:-

What financial impact is the Council expecting from the new Anker Valley's 3G pitch being flooded last Winter, and whilst the planning application stated it did NOT sit in a known flooding area yet was unusable for many months?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC NO. 8

Under Procedure Rule No 10, Mark Hopkins, will ask the Portfolio Holder, Councillor L Smith the following question:-

What checks are made to make sure council facilities are used by local people?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 1

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor M Bailey, will ask the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure Heritage and Local Economy, Councillor N Arkney the following question:-

Has the council carried out any Assessment on how many Town centre businesses have been impacted by the labour governments National insurance increase.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NO. 2

Under Procedure Rule No 11, Councillor M Bailey, will ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor C Dean the following question:-

Local government reorganisation means that services will be delivered by a single council that covers a huge part of Staffordshire, or all of Staffordshire. Given that this will not see additional income for the authority , and while still struggling with high cost items such as children in need, social care, SEND, school transport and roads, how will the leader see local community services being delivered in Tamworth

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